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PREFACE

This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in Southeast Asia, primarily the Laotian Panhandle, as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. For a comprehensive study of road development in this area prior to 1 April 1966 see NPIC R-110/66, Communist Road Net Development in the Laotian Panhandle (CONFIDENTIAL/

Items are numbered and arranged according to location from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC, unless otherwise indicated.

Missions, mission dates, frames, and NPIC cable and briefing board references are listed after each item, as appropriate.

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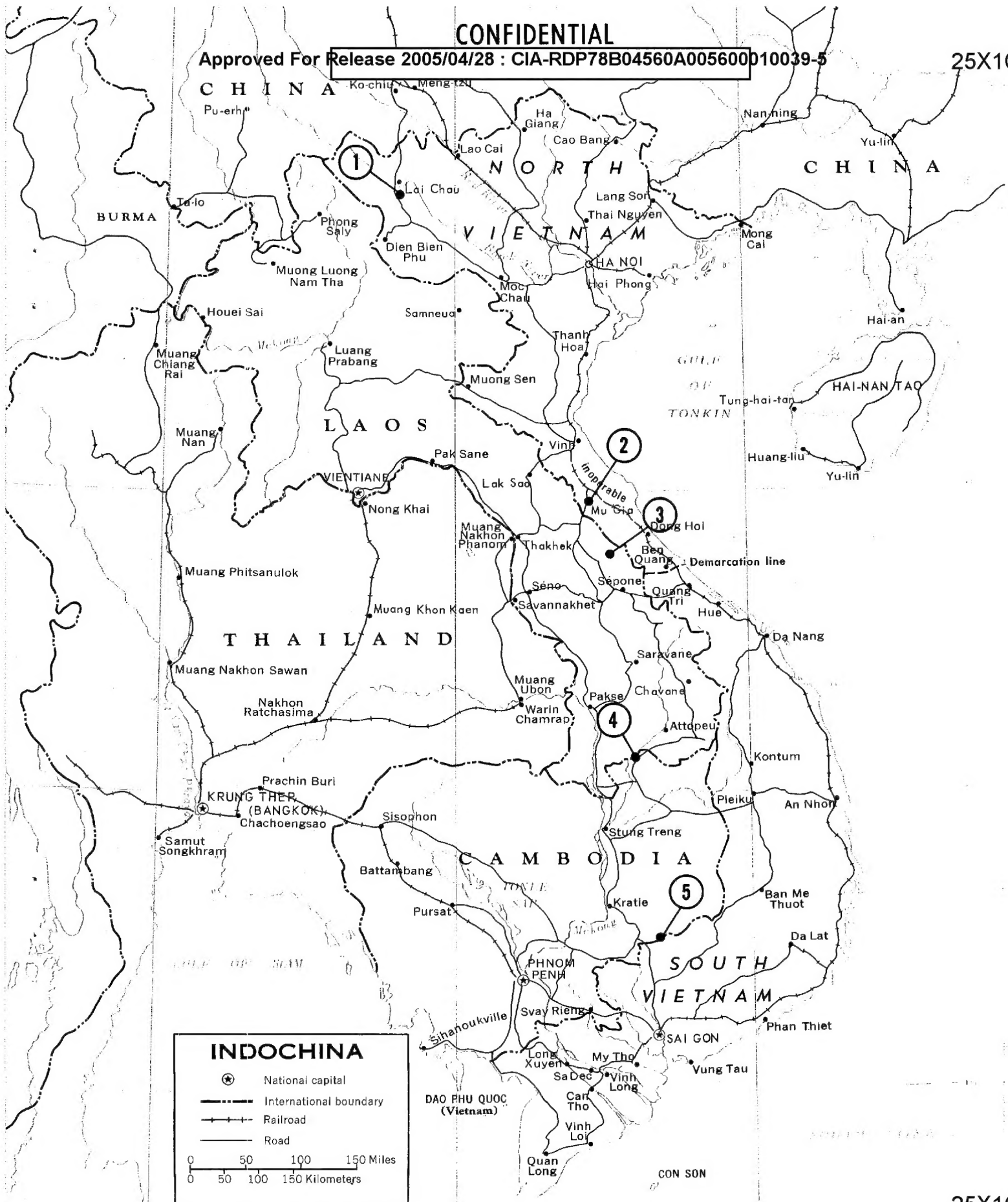
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1. Military/Construction Facilities, Lai Chau Area, North Vietnam

Sixteen additional military/construction facilities, containing a total of 216 buildings, have been identified in the Lai Chau area of North Vietnam and south along Routes 4 and 191. A total of 598 buildings in 26 facilities, located from 22-50N 103-10E to 21-47N 103-06E, have now been identified in the area, including 123 newly observed buildings in the 10 previously reported facilities (Summary 24, Item 1). Each facility is listed below with its UTM coordinates and correct building count.

1. Probable support facility (newly identified), UK118436, 12 buildings.
2. Probable barracks facility (newly identified), UK116417, 17 buildings.
3. Probable storage facility (newly identified), UK098411, 14 buildings.
4. Probable support facility (newly identified), UK114408, 10 buildings.
5. Probable storage/support facility (newly identified), UK109395, 12 buildings.
6. Probable storage facility (newly identified), UK095407, four buildings.
7. Probable storage facility (newly identified), UK096401, 11 buildings.
8. Probable barracks and support facility (newly identified), UK095388, 25 buildings.
9. Probable storage facility (newly identified), UK096373, five buildings.
10. Probable barracks and support facilities (newly identified), UK088359, 31 buildings.
11. Probable barracks facility (newly identified), UK090341, six buildings.

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DATA INCOMPLETE

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PHONG THO

LAO CAI

LAI CHAU

NORTH VIETNAM

ADDITIONAL MILITARY
CONSTRUCTION FACILITIES

LAOS

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12. Probable storage and support facility (newly identified), UK088327, 18 buildings.
13. Probable storage facility (previously reported), UK084314, 16 buildings.
14. Probable barracks facility (previously reported), UK081301, 18 buildings.
15. Probable barracks facility (previously reported), UK096298, 27 buildings (seven newly identified).
16. Probable storage facility (previously reported), UK081291 (coordinates corrected), 27 buildings (nine newly identified).
17. Probable barracks facility (previously reported), UK088278, 12 buildings (two newly identified).
18. Probable storage facility (previously reported), UK082274, 31 buildings (13 newly identified).
19. Truck park and probable storage facility (previously reported), UK085267, 89 buildings (48 newly identified; recent air strike caused no appreciable damage).
20. Military camp and probable storage facility (previously reported), UK073218 to UK081254, 84 buildings (44 newly identified, four additional buildings destroyed by recent air strike).
21. Probable storage and support facility (previously reported), UK074190 to UK077211, 48 buildings (cloud cover precluded re-evaluation).
22. Probable support facility (previously reported), UK070183 to UK066173, 10 buildings (cloud cover precluded re-evaluation).
23. Probable construction camp (newly identified), UK058160, 17 buildings.
24. Probable construction support facility (newly identified), UK060140, four buildings.
25. Probable construction camp and support facility (newly identified), UK051130, 18 buildings.

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26. Probable construction camp and support facility (newly identified), UK045116, 12 buildings.

Note: The identification of additional facilities results from the acquisition of larger scale, low-level photography rather than from a noticeable increase in construction activity.

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2. River Crossings, Xom Ca Trang Area, North Vietnam

Continuing bridge and road construction on Routes 15 and 1502 in the Xom Ca Trang area (17-57N 105-48E) indicates a determined effort to maintain the supply route from North Vietnam into Laos via the Mu Gia Pass. The approaches of the original cable bridges at the Xom Ca Trang Highway Bridge over the Nam Quat [redacted] and the Xom Ca Trang Highway Bridge over the Rao Cai [redacted] have been destroyed by air strikes and the bridges have been abandoned. The fords at UTM WE864861 and UTM WE861855 are active and permit through traffic on Route 15 (Figure 1).

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A newly constructed bridge (possibly a cable bridge) with approach roads provides an alternate crossing over the Nam Quat at UTM WE859859. During the early stage of construction, a cable and a T-shaped anchorage were observed at this bridge. Decking is now at least partially supported by a pier and two A-frames, and the entire bridge is [redacted] (Figure 1).

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Route 1502 is currently unserviceable as an alternate to Route 15 due to the lack of a river crossing over the Rao Cai; however, a cable bridge is under construction at UTM WE853849. At least five cables have been strung, the anchorages are apparently complete, and the approaches have been [redacted]. Additional cables, which have been strung across the Rao Cai at UTM WE855853 and UTM WE851848, probably represent dummy cable bridges. The approaches have been only roughly cleared; there is no evidence of the necessary cable anchorages; and unlike the bridge under construction at UTM WE853849, the cables are more visible due to their light color (Figure 2).

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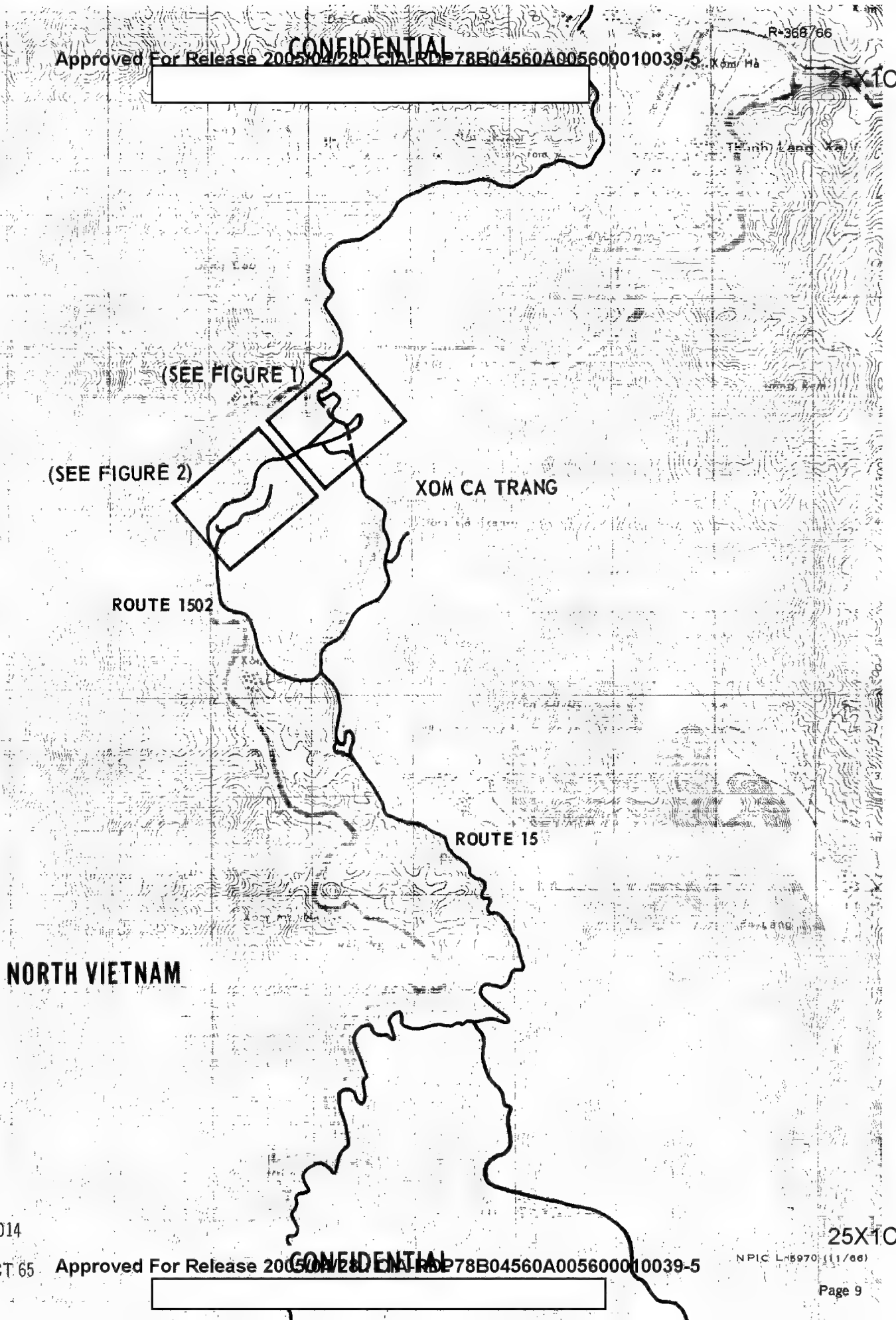
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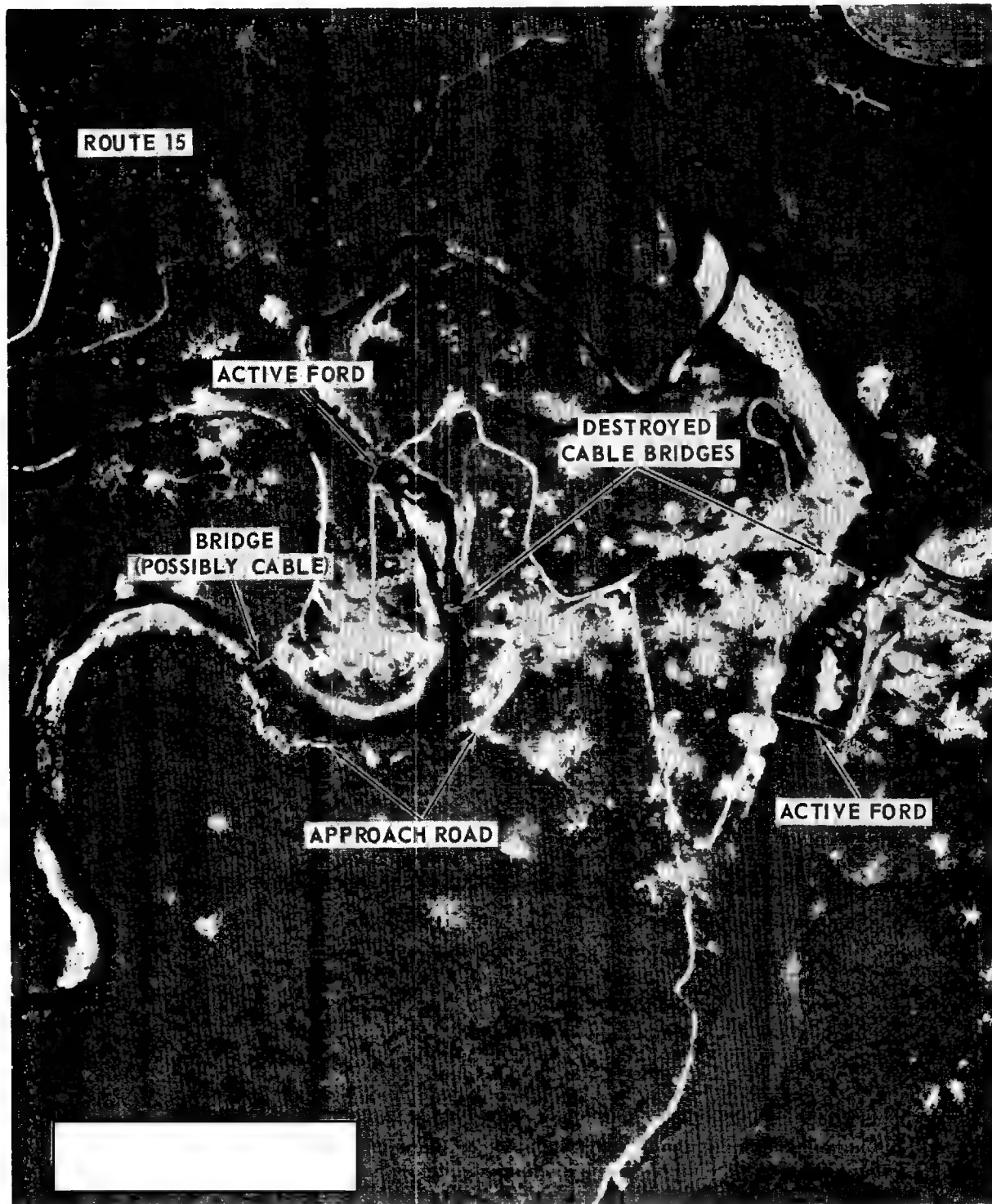
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FIGURE 1. RIVER CROSSINGS, XOM CA TRANG AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

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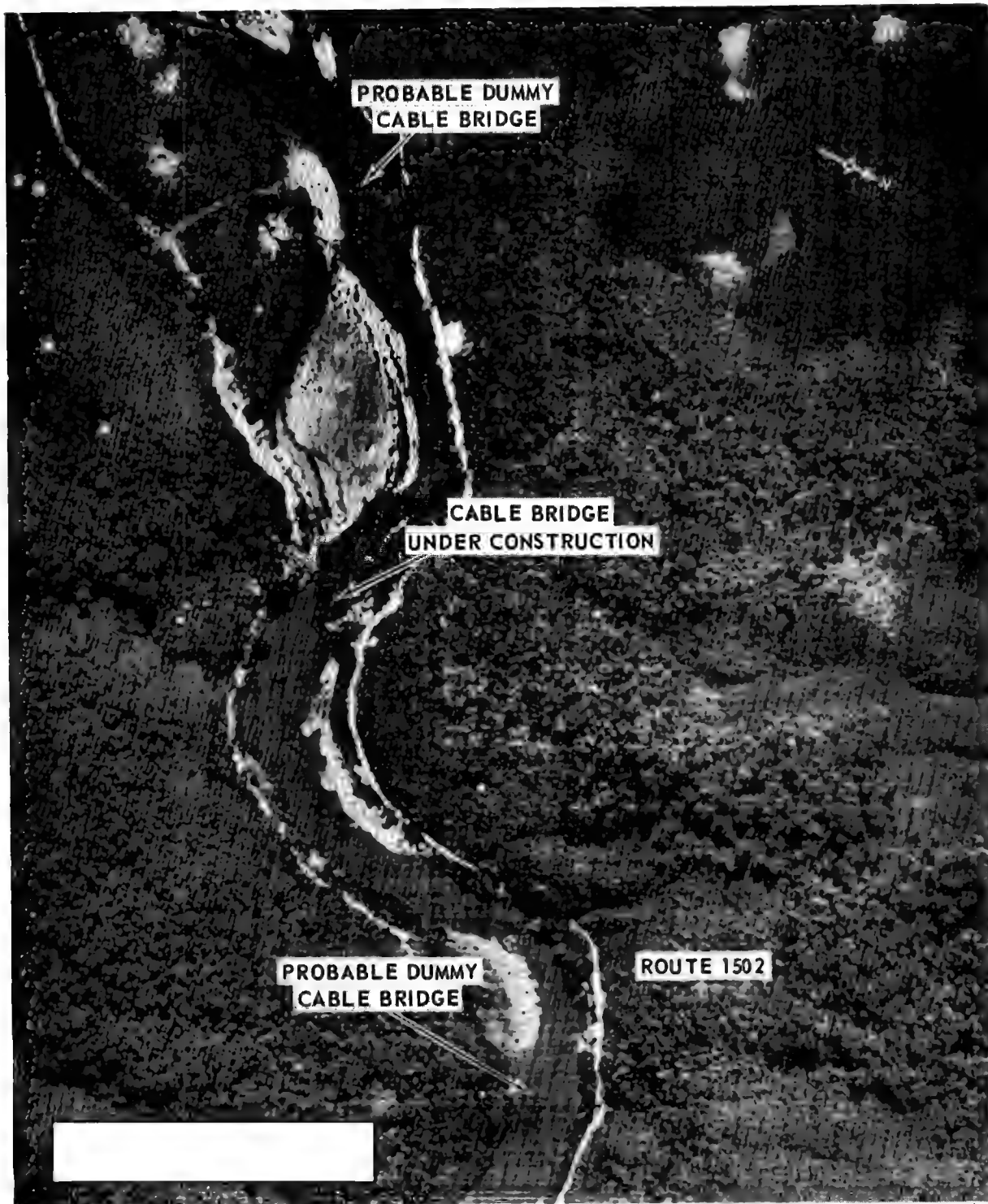


FIGURE 2. CABLE BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, XOM CA TRANG AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

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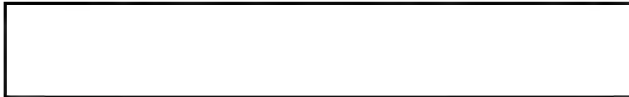
3. Road Maintenance, Route 912, Laos

Route 912 was unserviceable on [REDACTED] due to a landslide at 17-12N 106-09E (UTM XE230030), immediately south of the ford across the Nam Ta Le (river). Only a short segment of the road was affected (Figure 3) and by [REDACTED] the area had been cleared and was again open to vehicular traffic. The by-pass road east of the ford is overgrown in the vicinity of the river, and the cable bridge construction at UTM XE231025 has apparently been abandoned. Due to the ford and the soil instability observed along the ridgeline immediately south, air strikes could seriously affect the serviceability of Route 912 in this area.

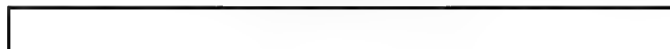
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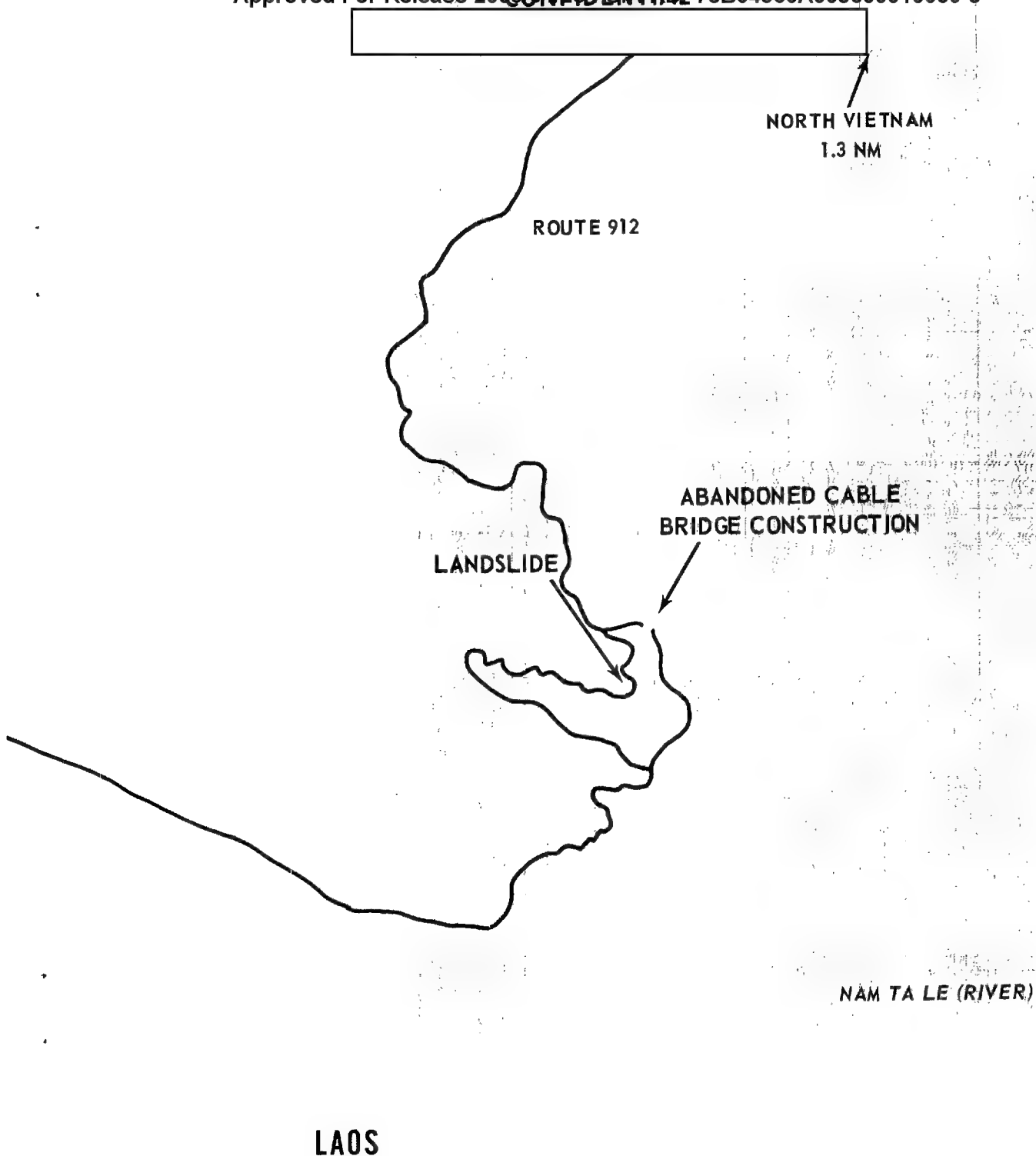


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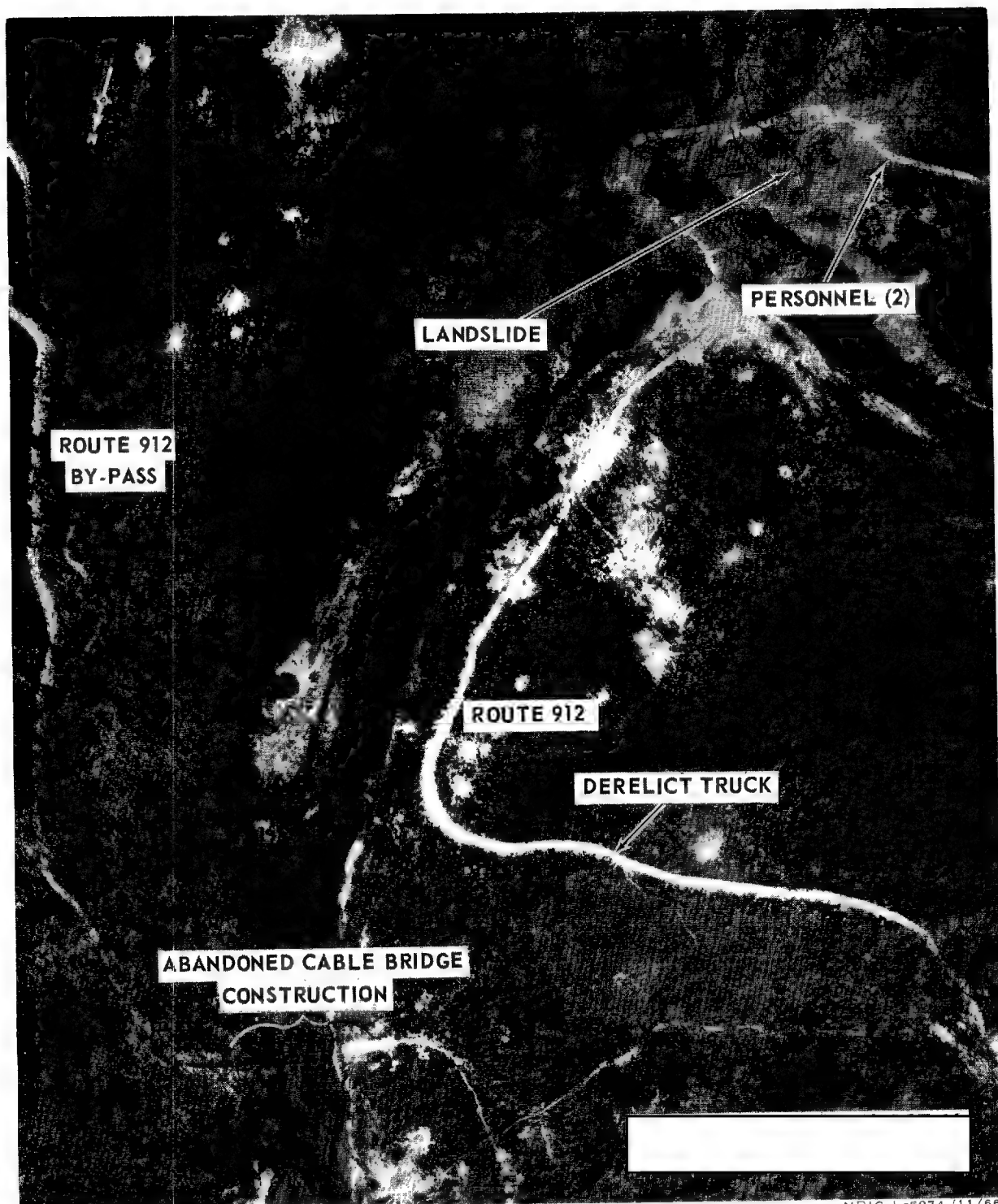
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FIGURE 3. ROAD CONDITIONS, ROUTE 912, LAOS

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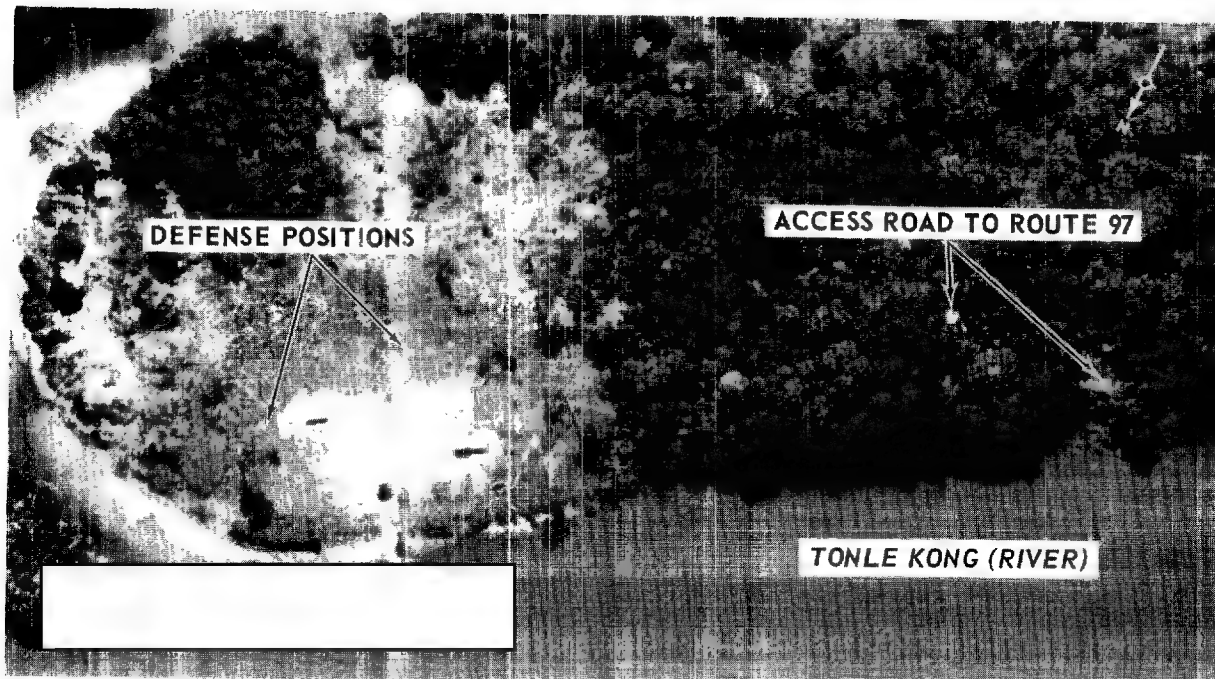
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4. Military Camp and Transshipment Point, Tonle Kong (River), Cambodia

A military camp and transshipment point has been observed at the confluence of the Tonle Kong (river) and an unnamed stream at 14-33N 106-29E (UTM XB609107), and consists of two large buildings and five sheds with a perimeter defense formed by approximately 20 foxholes (Figure 4). Vehicle tracks extend from a heavily wooded area immediately south of the facility and junction with Route 97 at UTM XB604099.

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FIGURE 4. MILITARY CAMP AND TRANSSHIPMENT POINT, TONLE KONG (RIVER), CAMBODIA

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ROUTE 110

**MILITARY CAMP AND
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ROUTE 97

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5. Suspect Insurgent Camps, Cambodia/South Vietnam Border Area

Three suspect insurgent camps have been observed in Kratie Province, Cambodia, immediately north of the Cambodia/South Vietnam border in the vicinity of 12-01N 106-40E. The camps, which contain an approximate total of 30 partially concealed buildings, are centered on UTM XU818321 (Figure 5), UTM XU800300, and UTM XU810281. Access roads extend south from Route 131 at UTM XU717400 (Figure 6) and UTM XU787402 into the area. At least one road continues south, crossing the border at UTM XU805255 and terminating in South Vietnam at UTM XU817244; a trail continues south-southwest from this point to UTM XU785193. An additional suspect insurgent camp, containing at least four partially concealed buildings, is located immediately north of Route 131 at UTM XU722413.

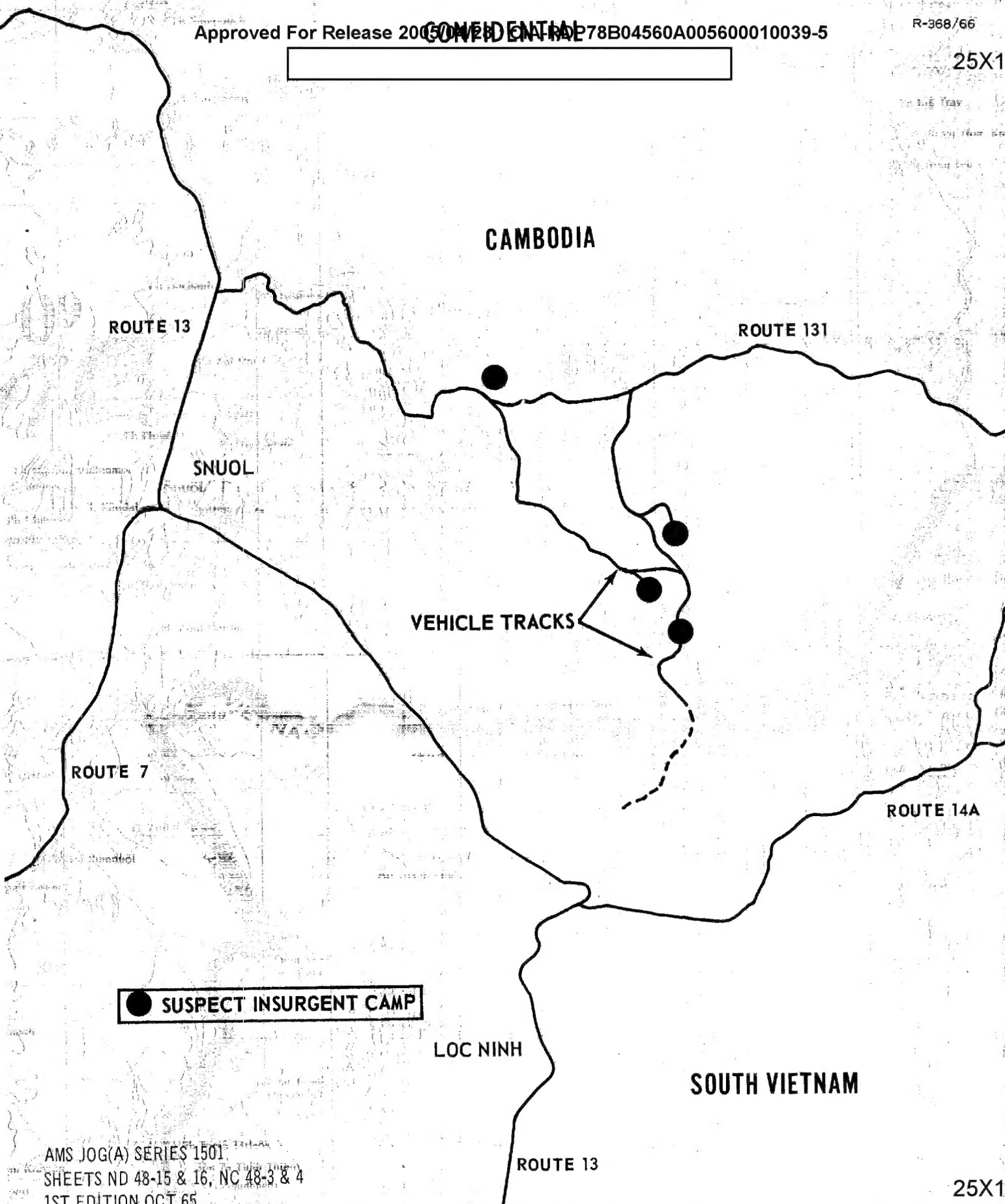
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FIGURE 5. SUSPECT INSURGENT CAMP (12-03N 106-40E), CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

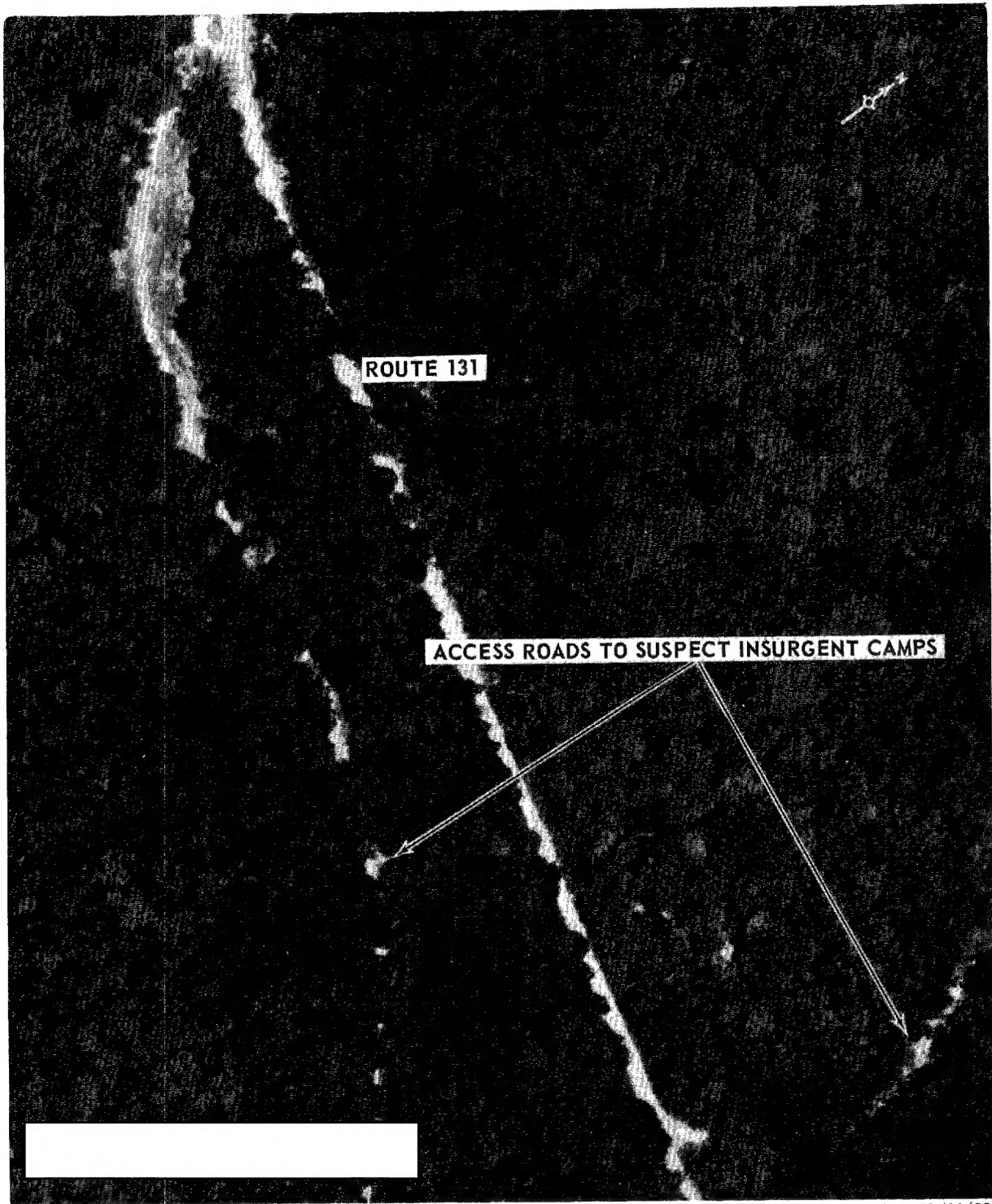
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FIGURE 6. ROAD JUNCTIONS (12-07N 106-35E), ROUTE 131, CAMBODIA

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